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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1234

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EG, IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN AID TO EGYPT

REFS: (A) 76 TEHRAN 11244, (B) 76 TEHRAN A-223,  
(C) CAIRO 2013

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE INTERVIEW BEHIND THE EGYPTIAN PRESS  
ACCOUNTS (REF C) REPORTING THE SHAH'S VIEW CONCERNING AID TO  
EGYPT WAS ONE WITH A KUWAITI NEWSMAN, REPORTED IN THE "TEHRAN  
JOURNAL" FEBRUARY 3. THE BRIEF STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT  
FOLLOWS:

THE SHAHANSHAH STATED THE IRAN HOPED TO BE ABLE TO  
HELP EGYPT OUT OF ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS. "OUR ASSISTANCE  
WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF IMMEDIATE AID, JOINT PROJECTS  
AND LOANS WITH INTEREST RATES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED  
UPON BY BOTH SIDES. ALTHOUGH OUR ECONOMIC CONDITION  
IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS, WE SHALL GO ON ASSISTING  
EGYPT." END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR ZAKI,  
WHEN QUERIED BY THE ADCM, PROVIDED NO LIGHT ON THE SHAH'S STATE-  
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MENT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED NO RECENT GOE VISITORS CONCERNED WITH  
ASSISTANCE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT MONTH'S VISIT OF THE PRIME  
MINISTER. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE UNDERSECRE-  
TARY ASHRAFI RESPONDED TO EMBOFF'S INQUIRY WITH BELIEF THAT THE  
NEWSMAN HAD MISQUOTED THE SHAH. HE SAID THE ONLY GOI INTENTION  
HE IS AWARE OF IS TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENTS TO EGYPT IN VARIOUS  
PROJECTS, A VIEW CONSISTENT WITH THAT REPORTED IN REF A. HE SAID HE

WAS UNAWARE OF ANY NEW GOI INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT BE PROPOSED IN THE  
COURSE OF THE EGYPTIAN PM'S VISIT. COMMENT: GIVEN THE HIGHLY CEN-  
TRALIZED NATURE OF SUCH DECISIONS HERE, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE  
EXPECTED THAT ASHRAFI WOULD KNOW HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS  
ANY REQUESTS EVENTUALLY PRESSED BY THE PM. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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